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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Release of SNIE 11-8-56: LIKELIHOOD OF SOVIET
VIOLATION OF AUSTRIAN NEUTRALITY, to Certain Foreign
Governments

1. The Board of National Estimates has reviewed SNIE 11-8-56 with a view to its release to certain foreign governments and regards the following considerations as pertinent:

a. Precedent. The paper appears to fall within the category of estimates on Soviet activities in areas of mutual concern which normally are passed to the UK and Commonwealth countries.

b. Reciprocity. A considerable number of JIC estimates bearing on Soviet developments or courses of action have been released to the US over the past few years, including at least 18 in 1956.

c. Classification and Sources. Release of this estimate would not compromise NOFORN or intelligence sources for which CIA is responsible. The Board is not in a position to ascertain whether release would compromise NOFORN data or sensitive sources for which other agencies are primarily responsible.

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d. Substantive. From a purely intelligence point of view, the Board would not regard any particular portion of this estimate so sensitive as to warrant deletion in the event of release. However, the Board notes that much of this paper, which was undertaken on a crash basis to meet a specific White House requirement, would probably be of only limited value, if released, because of rapidly moving events in East Europe.

2. Conclusions. The Board sees no objection, from a strictly intelligence viewpoint, to release of this estimate. However, because the paper, taken as a whole, has been, and will continue to be, substantially affected by current developments, the Board recommends that SNIE 11-8-56 not be released to any foreign government.

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